Agency Overview

1. <u>General Services Division</u> consists of: Commissioners, Public Information, Legal section, Tax Policy section, Human Resources section, Information Technology section, and Management Services. This organizational unit provides for centralized management, policy development, legal, personnel, fiscal and computer services.

17 percent, or 71 positions, have been funded in these capacities. General fund appropriation of \$6,494,300 for this division in FY 2006.

2. <u>The Audit & Collections Division</u> provides direct taxpayer service to the public from the administrative office in Boise and five field office locations; collects delinquent taxes and conducts audits on virtually all tax types administered by the agency by authority of Idaho Code and the Multistate Tax Compact; conducts discovery and enforcement efforts directed at non-filers and administers Idaho's unclaimed property statutes.

56 percent, or 227 positions, have been funded in these capacities. General fund appropriation of \$11,133,700 for this division in FY 2006.

3. The Revenue Operations Division administers the voluntary tax compliance program. Activities include: (a) registering permit holders for sales, withholding, hotel/motel, special fuels, beer, wine, cigarette and tobacco taxes; (b) ensuring that all individuals and licensed businesses are mailed proper tax forms for reporting; (c) establishing taxpayer liability, as well as processing revenue and refund documents submitted by taxpayers; and (d) maintaining a records system capable of providing individuals with tax documents. In the last fiscal year, over 1,800,000 tax returns – representing nearly \$2.2 billion - were processed in this division.

18 percent, or 75 positions, have been funded in these capacities. General fund appropriation of \$4,133,500 for this division in FY 2006.

4. <u>The County Support Division</u> provides oversight and technical support in the administration of the property tax system, working to ensure fair, equitable, and accurate property taxation. The program is responsible for annually appraising all class three operating property, examining property tax levies of all taxing districts, training and assisting county elected officials, developing an assessor's manual to facilitate uniformity of appraisals, and administering the circuit breaker program.

9 percent, or 37 positions, have been funded in these capacities. General fund appropriation of \$3,017,300 for this division in FY 2006.

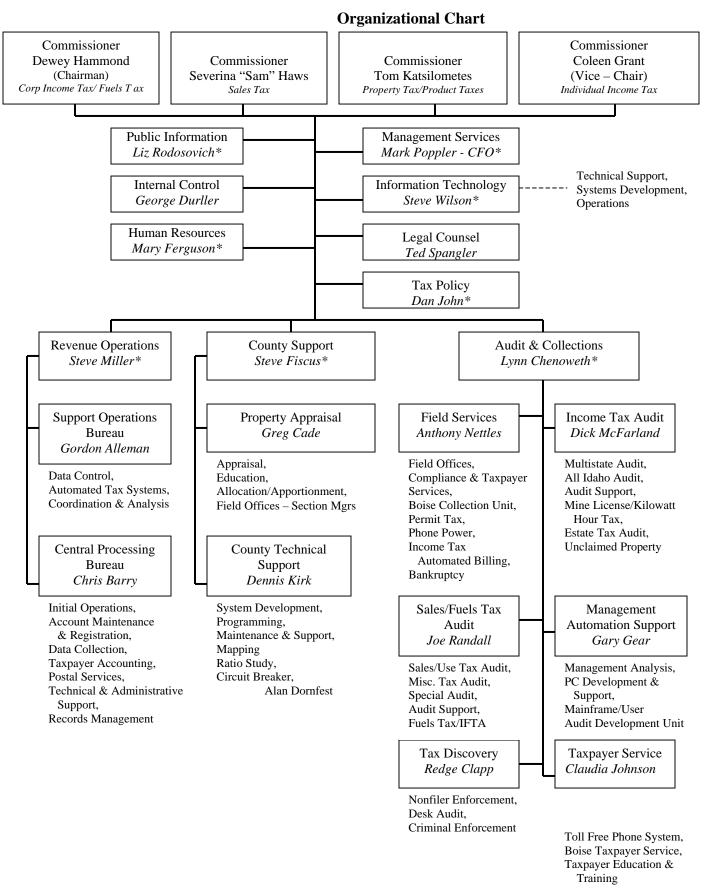
Summary:

Positions funded by JFAC for FY 2006

Total General Fund appropriation for FY 2006 is

410 \$24,778,800

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Core Functions/Idaho Code

Sources of Funds FY 2005 FY 2006 FY 2007 Percent Expenditures of Total Appropriation Request

1. General Fund \$24,615,800 80.5% \$24,778,800 \$26,764,800

The General Fund consists of, "moneys received into the treasury and not specially appropriated to any other fund" (§67-1205). The fund sources are: 1) individual income tax, 2) corporate income tax, 3) sales tax, 4) cigarette tax, 5) beer tax, 6) wine tax, 7) liquor surcharge, 8) kilowatt hour tax, 9) mine license tax, 10) Treasurer's interest on investments of certain idle state funds, 11) court fees and fines, 12) insurance premium tax, 13) sale of alcoholic beverage licenses, 14) unclaimed property, 15) articles of incorporation and uniform commercial code filing fees, 16) estate and transfer tax, and 17) other miscellaneous sources from various agency receipts.

2. Administration Services for Transportation 3,075,100 10.1% 3.665.800 The State Tax Commission retains funds from gasoline tax and special fuels tax receipts equal to the cost of collecting, administering, and enforcing the gasoline tax requirements. However, the amount cannot exceed the amount authorized to be expended by the legislature (gasoline: §63-2402 and §63-2405; special fuels: §63-2416 - §63-2417).

3. Multistate Tax Compact

1,740,700 1,621,800 5.3% 1.691.700 Moneys collected as direct result of audits conducted by the Multistate Tax Commission (on behalf of the state of Idaho) shall be paid by the State Tax Commission into the Multistate Tax Compact Fund. The Multistate Tax Compact was formed to determine the tax liability of multistate taxpayers, promote uniformity or compatibility in tax systems, and facilitate taxpayer convenience and compliance in the filing of tax returns and avoid taxation across states §63-3709).

4. Abandoned Property Trust - Unclaimed 647.000 2.1% 884.900 821.100

The Unclaimed Property Fund receives money from:

- 1. Certain banking accounts.
- 2. Certain unclaimed funds that are owned and unpaid by life insurance companies for fifteen years.
- 3. Certain deposits and refunds payable by utilities for more than fifteen years.
- 4. Certain investments shares, funds, and interests. The State Tax Commission is required to maintain a record of the name and last known address of each person thought to own the property. The record is to be made available for public inspection at all reasonable business hours (§14-517).

5. Seminars and Publications Fund 123,100 0.4% Fees, education purposes sales, tax regulations and printed material, fees for copies, supplies, bad check

charges, postage reimbursement, sales of maps, unclaimed property lists, etc. Sales are primarily to the public.

6. Administration and Accounting Fund

394.000 1.3%

The State Tax Commission is directed to retain funds for the Commission's cost of collecting and administering the moneys of certain trust funds. For the following trust funds the annual amount is three thousand dollars (\$3,000) or twenty percent (20%, whichever is less (§63-3067A&B(d)):

- 1. The Fish and Game Trust Fund (0051)
- 2. The Children's Trust Fund (0483)

On other taxes, the State Tax Commission is authorized to retain an amount of money equal to the cost of collecting and administering them. The amount retained can not exceed the amount authorized to be expended by appropriation by the Legislature. Those taxes are:

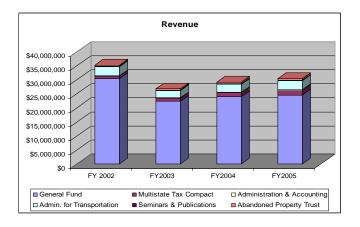
- 1. Idaho Travel and Convention Tax (0212) (§67-4718)
- 2. Illegal Drug Tax (0281) (63-4209)
- 3. Boise Auditorium District (0630) (§67-4917C)
- 4. Petroleum Clean Water Trust Fund (0130) (§41-4909)
- 5. Local Option Sales Tax (0630) (§63-2605)

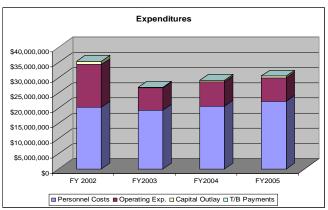
7. Federal Grant Fund 88.900 0.3% The Tax Commission receives intermittent grants from the federal government for project-specific work. \$30,565,800 100.0% \$33,395,300 Total \$33,301,600

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Revenue and Expenditures

Revenue	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
General Fund	\$30,504,100	\$22,409,300	\$24,008,000	\$24,615,800
Multistate Tax Compact	\$864,000	\$1,108,600	\$1,525,900	\$1,621,800
Administration & Accounting	\$113,200	\$108,500	\$104,300	\$394,000
Admin. for Transportation	\$3,345,000	\$2,611,000	\$2,845,600	\$3,164,100
Seminars & Publications	\$110,800	\$137,600	\$131,900	\$123,000
Abandoned Property Trust	<u>\$448,200</u>	<u>\$485,000</u>	\$603,500	<u>\$647,100</u>
Total	\$35,385,300	\$26,860,000	\$29,219,200	\$30,565,800
Expenditure	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Personnel Costs	\$20,372,300	\$19,335,000	\$20,598,300	\$22,261,900
Operating Expenditures	\$13,935,200	\$7,363,900	\$8,084,000	\$7,722,100
Capital Outlay	\$1,077,800	\$161,100	\$536,900	\$581,800
Trustee/Benefit Payments	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total	\$35,385,300	\$26,860,000	\$29,219,200	\$30,565,800





Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
% of Revenue Received Electronically	42.5%	44.8%	46.6%	47.2%
Tax Returns Filed Electronically	156,440	212,486	258,295	310,000
Tax Returns Processed	1,886,437	1,981,073	2,046,170	2,117,250
Revenues from Audits	\$33.92 million	\$33.32 million	\$37.41 million	\$31.83 million
Revenues from Collections	\$80.15 million	\$87.11 million	\$98.86 million	\$98.42 million
STC Cost Per Tax Dollar Received	1.15 cents	1.05 cents	1.01 cents	0.96 cents
Walk-in customers during tax drive	8,729	8,533	9,768	11,670
Calls from taxpayers during tax drive	215,155	140,896	126,422	132,674
Refund status inquiries on website	7,491	23,788	28,859	56,504

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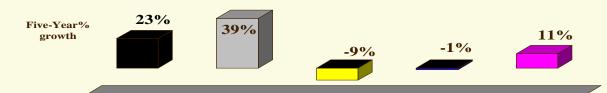
Performance Highlights

Overall Activity Levels in 2004

Telephone calls requesting service	239,557
Average wait for service	23 seconds
Emails from tax practitioners	5,137
User sessions on website	894,007
Walk in customers	18,820
Tax returns processed	2,046,170
Total money deposited\$	2,671,946,462
Refunds paid	\$164,248,218
Number of refunds	431,815

Idaho Tax Commission

Fiscal Year	Voluntary Compliance	Audit & Collections	STC Cent Per Tax Dollar	Number of Employees*	Returns Processed
2000	\$2,204,369,048	\$ 93,596,750	1.06	375	1,900,290
2001	\$2,365,151,112	\$ 91,992,927	1.01	376	1,909,186
2002	\$2,092,097,256	\$114,065,879	1.15	376	1,886,437
2003	\$2,154,350,239	\$120,433,902	1.05	377	1,981,073
2004	\$2,425,394,312	\$136,267,007	1.01	372	2,046,170
2005	\$2,722,262,271	\$130,253,514	0.96	372	2,117,250



^{*} Total full-time employees minus county support division.

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